

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Hitoshi OBATA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
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BY NON-PROTEINACEOUS SUBSTANCE
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: